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Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1181

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A PRIVATE MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought advisable, approving a proposal of the General Managers to extend the Company's Business and to increase the Capital.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1183

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 24th instant, the day appointed in this Colony for the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of Her Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
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Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1184

FOR THE MAIL.

THE *HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS* will be ready to-morrow and will contain:—
Leading Articles:—
The Sanitary By-laws.
Publicity for the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board.
The Examination of Accused Persons.
The Amoy Consular Report.
The Fleet and the Jubilee Celebration.
Port Dues at Macao and Hongkong.
Hospital Accommodation.
The Care of the Wounded in War.
Hongkong Legislative Council.
Supreme Court.
The New Sanitary By-laws.
The Jubilee Celebrations.
Defence Works at Hongkong.
Report of the Director of Public Works for 1896.
The Botanical and Afforestation Department.
The Registrar-General's Report.
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
Probates and Administrations in 1896.
The Opening of the West River.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
The Eureka and Queen Mines.
The Municipal Election at Shanghai.
Reported Settlement of the *Kowshing* Claim.
The Gymkhana Meeting.
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1897.

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FOR FOOCHOW.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1177

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR YOKOHAMA DIRECT.

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1896. [1180

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

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"HAILOONG,"
Captain Hedging, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at NOON.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1178

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"BENVORLICH,"
FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1179

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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(A Wonderful Invention)
and TWENTY other ITEMS.
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THOS. P. HUDSON.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1182

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship
"THEKLA,"
Captain H. Stehr, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 21st May, at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1174

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside. Such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1176

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"THEKLA,"
Captain H. Stehr, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [1175

CELEBRATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REIGN OF HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

THE Undersigned will be glad to receive SUBSCRIPTIONS to the above fund. LISTS will be found at the various CLUBS, also at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s and at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.
T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1169

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 24th inst., the day appointed in this Colony for the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of Her Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.
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For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
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Manager.
For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
NAO. NABEKRA,
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1167

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1897. [a26

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the VALUATION LISTS for the Colony for 1897-98 will be OPEN to inspection at the Treasury for 21 days, commencing on MONDAY, the 17th May, 1897.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1157

NOTICE.

THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE have the honour to invite a GENERAL ILLUMINATION of the City and of the Harbour and its Shipping on the occasion of the Celebrations to be held in Commemoration of the completion of the 60TH YEAR of the REIGN of Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.
The Illuminations on Land and Water (including the Procession of Boats) will take place on the EVENING of the 22nd June, commencing at 9 p.m.
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1161

NOTICE.

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CHUI CHEW TING,
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Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [1042

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1883 [693

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NOTICE OF FIRMS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1065

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897.
I HAVE THIS DAY assumed CHARGE of the Company's business in Hongkong.
By order of the Board of Directors.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Acting Manager.
[1159

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRE & TYPHOON.

DURING my absence from the Colony, Mr. WILLIAM HERBERT TRENCHARD DAVIS has been appointed ACTING LOCAL MANAGER of the Hongkong Branch of the above Company and assumes CHARGE this day.
Wm. MACBEAN,
Local Manager.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1160

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on TO-MORROW, the 20th inst., at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1897. [1131

BILLIARDS.

BURROUGHES & WATTS' REVISED PRICE LIST of BILLIARD TABLES and BILLIARD ROOM REQUISITES can be had at the Office of the *Hongkong Daily Press*.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1080

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Hongkong, 20th March, 1897. [2913

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1896. [824

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 17, COROMANDEL, British steamer, 4,651, F. H. Seymour, Shanghai 15th May, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 18, THEKLA, German steamer, 2,363, H. Stehr, Singapore 12th May, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
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May 18, HAILONG, British str., 784, W. Davis, Tamsui 15th May, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
May 18, LIGHTNING, British str., 2,124, J. G. Spence, Calcutta 1st May, and Singapore 11th, General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
May 18, BENVORLICH, British str., 2,064, John R. Clark, London and Singapore 12th May, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
May 18, HUMBER, British storeship, 1,640, F. W. Wyley, Nagasaki 12th May.
May 18, MEEFOO, Chinese str., 1,339, Frigast, Shanghai 14th May, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
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CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 18TH MAY.
Hongkong, French str., for Pakhoi.
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Wingsang, British str., for Swatow.
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Dante, German str., for Saigon.
Germania, German str., for Wuhu.
Sunykiang, British str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

May 18, OSCARSHAL, Norwegian steamer, for Canton.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 19th, 1897.

THE little "breeze" that occurred at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Monday in reference to the alleged want of consideration shown to the unofficial members will, we hope, have the effect of clearing the atmosphere and conducing to the more harmonious working of the legislative machinery of the colony in future. It was the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD who made the complaint, which he directed particularly to the Colonial Secretary. The Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART replied that if he had ever in any way treated the unofficial members with a want of consideration it had not been from a desire to do so, but had been quite unintentional. That there has at times been a want of consideration shown we think there can be no doubt, and although it may be admitted that it was unintentional, it is perhaps not difficult to understand the frame of mind which has led to it. One of the principal functions of the unofficial members is to criticise Government measures, and it is not every one who can submit to criticism and love the critic. Mr. WHITEHEAD has been a severe critic of the Government, and his criticism, whether well founded or captious, has at times goaded the official members into irritability, and consideration for others is not a characteristic of the state of irritation. An illustration of this occurred at a very recent meeting of the Council. When it was complained that the unofficial members had not had copies of the new sanitary by-laws supplied in reasonable time to admit of their proper consideration the reply was that they could have got copies for themselves if they wanted them. But it was not the business of the unofficial members to get copies for themselves; they were entitled to have them supplied through the regular official channel, and when it was found that copies had been supplied at such a late date as not to leave sufficient time for consideration before the meeting at which the by-laws were submitted for approval, the dignity of the Council would have been better consulted by frankly recognising the justice of the complaint than by returning short answers.

THE new by-laws made by the Sanitary Board have now received the sanction of the Legislative Council, and, in times of epidemic, the Board by its duly authorised officers will have power to pull down partitions and destroy furniture and other property, the owners possessing no right of appeal. The power is a very great and extraordinary one, but under the conditions under which the officers exercising it are to be appointed we think confidence may be felt that it will be exercised with reasonable discretion, should it ever have to be exercised at all, which we trust will not be the case. The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, while not moving any amendment to the particular by-law in question, seemed to think it would be better that an order should, in each case where destruction of property was deemed necessary, be obtained from a Magistrate. The objection to that is the loss of time that would be entailed. It is only in cases of emergency that the power is to be exercised, and when the emergency arises it is desirable it should be met with as little red tape and circumlocution as possible. If the power were confided to the hands of incompetent or untrustworthy officers no doubt it would be abused and might be made the occasion of bribery, but the officers are to be specially appointed by the Sanitary Board and approved by the Governor, which may be taken as a sufficient guarantee that they will be men whose characters are above suspicion; they will, moreover, be subjected to very close observation on the part of the public whose interests are affected and any irregularities would probably soon be brought to light. The power is not one that could with safety have been conferred on the rank and file of the force that may at any time be engaged in combatting an epidemic of plague or other disease, but with the safeguards now provided we think it may be regarded without serious uneasiness.

General Martitegui, who was on his way out to take up the appointment of Commander-General in Mindanao, died at Aden.

The German steamer *Martha*, which stranded on the Woosung Bar on the 13th May, was floated again next morning, and proceeded up river to the harbour.

Hudson's Surprise Party give their last but one performance to-night, when there will be another entire change of programme, particulars of which will be found in the advertisement.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have offered a reward of $1,000 to any person giving evidence leading to the conviction of the thief who stole five thousand sovereigns from the *Taiyuan* or for the recovery of the money.

The following paragraph appears in the Manila *Comercio*:—There have been brought to this capital by the *Sungkiang*, as suspects, the individuals Candido Palacios and Juan Puertas, natives of these islands, who were detained at Amoy. The first named belongs to the Spanish Consular Service and the other is a ship's officer.

It is expected, says the *Rising Sun*, that the railway will be opened to Nagasaki next month. The branch of the Kiushiu Railroad Co. from Nagasaki to Togitsu is very nearly finished, and on the other side it is complete from Haiki to the main line at Takeo. Connections between Togitsu and Haiki will be effected by a steam ferry across the Omura gulf.

The Shanghai newly-elected Municipal Council assumed office on the 12th May, taking over charge at a meeting which was held in the afternoon. The following office bearers and committees were elected:—Chairman, Mr. A. R. Burkill; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. S. Fearon; Works Committee, Messrs. Fearon, Prentice, and Rohde; Watch Committee, Messrs. Hykes, Welch, and Wilkinson; Finance Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Burkill, and Hewitt.

The band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme of music at the Officers' Mess to-night:—

Overture	"Zampa"	Herold.
Polka	"Jeu d'Esprit"	Waldteufel.
Selection	"Chilperic"	Herve.
Intermezzo	"Fleurs du Printemps"	Bousquet.
Selection	"Rêl d'Enfants"	Jaxone.
	"Dinorah"	Meyerbeer.

God save the Queen.

The Court at Haiphong has given judgment for the Insurance Companies and against the Government in the case arising out of the attempt by the Government to enforce payment of arrears of fees under the registration law. The judgment is based on the ground that the law in question is not in force in Tonkin, that country being a protectorate and the necessary steps to make the law applicable not having been taken. Great importance is attached by the *Courrier d'Haiphong* to this decision, as it affects a great number of commercial transactions and transfers of property as well as insurance policies.

Mr. R. M. Gray, for the Sub-Committee for the Jubilee Gymkhana, informs us that at the Jubilee Gymkhana to be held on the 23rd June cups will be given for the following pony races:—Three furlong race, for polo ponies; once round, handicap, for all ponies; Five furlongs race for subscription griffins of 1896-97 and ponies that have never won a race and have been in the colony two months; weight for inches with 3lbs. added; subscription griffins, non-winners, allowed 7lbs.; Champions—From the two mile post, once round and in; weight for inches, for all ponies. There will also be prizes given for bicycle races, and probably a menagerie race, obstacle race for soldiers and sailors, and other events.

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[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 16th May.

THE WAR—TURKEY REFUSES TO GRANT AN ARMISTICE.

The Porte has refused to grant an armistice before the acceptance of Turkey's demands by Greece. The demands are—The annexation of Thessaly and a war indemnity of £10,000,000. Unless these conditions are accepted, the army will advance.

The Ambassadors are trying to induce the Sultan to modify his conditions for an armistice. The Powers, including Germany, are resolved not to agree to the annexation of Thessaly, whereby the whole of the Balkan states would be inflamed.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Desperate fighting has taken place at Gribovo, between Arta and Philipiada (Epirus.) The Greeks have been compelled to fall back on Arta, losing 558, including 33 officers. The Turks are advancing on Domokos (Thessaly).

THE NAVY AND THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication:—

THE ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
17th May, 1897.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit for the information and consideration of the Jubilee Committee the enclosed copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, K.C.B., regarding the naval arrangements in connection with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. G. T. BUCKLE.
Assistant Colonial Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary Jubilee Committee.

Alacrity, at Shanghai,
9th May, 1897.

Sir,—If the exigencies of the service permit of it I propose that Her Majesty's ships *Undaunted*, *Hamber*, *Rattler*, and *Phœnix* shall be present at Hongkong on the 22nd June, 1897, to assist in the celebration of the 60th year of Her Majesty's reign, and senior officers have been ordered by me to co-operate with the local authorities in the arrangements for the celebration.—I have, etc.,

ALEXANDER BULLER,
Vice-Admiral.

His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., etc., etc., etc., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Hongkong.

SUPREME COURT.

18th May.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE.)

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Attorney-General said that Mr. Robinson, who had been engaged to defend the man charged with wilfully setting fire to a shop in Jervois Street, was indisposed and would not be able to get out for three or four days.

This case was consequently fixed for next Thursday.

Mr. Slade mentioned that he defended in two cases and asked if the Attorney-General would take the second in order first.

The Attorney-General said he was expected to come to the court and take any case just at the moment when counsel for the defence wished him. It was impossible for him to be ready with every case and he could not oblige counsel in this particular instance as there were no other cases left.

Mr. Slade again pressed for the bribery case to be taken first as he was not fully instructed in the other.

Just as the breeze was beginning to blow a little harder it was discovered that the first case to be taken was undefended and that therefore there was no need for Mr. Slade to make the application. With this discovery the business of the court was quietly proceeded with.

THE PROTECTION OF YOUNG GIRLS.

Wong Sy Su, a woman, was charged with taking part in bringing into the colony for the purpose of prostitution a fourteen year old girl and also with selling her for the purpose of prostitution. Hon. W. M. Goodman (Attorney-General), instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennys (Crown Solicitor), prosecuted.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and the following jurymen were sworn—Messrs. M. H. Michael, P. M. N. da Silva, Chan Yum, C. Rustomjee, G. H. Potts, R. M. Mehta, W. F. Gardner.

The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty.

Another woman named Ma Fung was then charged with purchasing the girl for the purpose of prostitution.

Hon. W. M. Goodman (Attorney-General), instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennys (Crown Solicitor), prosecuted and M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. Mounsey) defended.

The jurymen were—Messrs. N. Mumford, E. J. Figueredo, A. D. Death, A. O. Gutierrez, F. Korn, S. Rustomjee, W. H. Purcell.

The prisoner was found guilty.

The first prisoner was then brought back and placed with the other and both were sent to gaol for twelve months with hard labour.

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THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."]

DEAR SIR,—A hint has been thrown out to the Hongkong public by the Botanical and Afforestation Department in their late report with regard to the construction of a glass house for the preservation of orchids, &c., and in this connection it might not be out of place to draw their attention to the pressing need that exists for a new and more commodious pavilion in the Gardens than the one in use at present. The present structure is far too small, and it leaks, to say nothing of its unsuitable locality. A new one which would serve the joint purposes of shelter and band stand could easily be erected and would be a means of inducing regimental bands to play oftener than is the case at present.

Another matter that requires also prompt attention is the construction of an aviary. To me it seems incongruous to have deer, pheasants, rabbits, turtles, magpies, and peacocks in one indiscriminate jumble. With the exception of perhaps the deer, the remainder seem to be cramped for want of space and it is high time that this was put an end to. Hoping that this will bring about a radical reform,—I remain, yours faithfully,

VISITOR.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897.

THE AMOY TEA TRADE.

Mr. Christopher T. Gardner, the Consul at Amoy, encloses with his trade report for last year the following report on the tea trade by Frank Cass:—

The tea season of 1896 presents few features of striking interest, but is, on the whole, supposed to have been a fairly satisfactory one to those engaged in it.

As usual Amoy has been dependent on Formosa for the bulk of its trade in the article, merchants' returns showing that 60,533,000 lbs. (an increase of 1,200,000 lbs.) passed through Amoy. Of this 27,600,000 lbs. were bought by the representatives of Amoy firms in Tamsui, and merely came here in course of transhipment, while 32,933,000 lbs. were shipped by Chinese firms in Tamsui for sale on the Amoy market. The general character of the crop was good, and it realised a very fair average price—factors, in a measure due to the absence of inland taxation during last season in Formosa, and the levying of an export duty of 1 dol. 12 c. per picul (2s. 4d. per 133⅓ lbs.) only, as against likin and export duty of 5 dol. 82 c. (12s. 1½d.) under the Chinese regimé, thus enabling a better article to be produced without increase of export cost.

Our local crop of Amoy Oolongs amounted to 1,200,000 lbs., a shortage of 55 per cent. on the previous year, and an equally marked decline is expected in 1897, after which the article will probably cease to appear as an item in our trade returns, as the tea districts are being rapidly thrown out of cultivation, and most of them are irreversibly ruined.

The reason is not far to seek. The entire crop realised 136,000 dol. (14,170*l.*) Likin on it amounted to 20,000 dol. (2,080*l.*) and export duty to 35,000 dol. (3,640*l.*). Comment on such figures is superfluous.

So far as its own tea trade is concerned, Amoy must share in the common ruin that the excessive taxation levied by the Chinese Government has wrought in other ports. Rumours are extant that improved methods of cultivation are to be introduced both in Amoy and elsewhere with Government consent, but those actually engaged in the trade know that, desirable as such a step might have been 10 years ago, the day has now passed for it to prove of the slightest benefit unless, indeed, it is accompanied with the total abolition of likin and the reduction of export duty to a parity with that existant in other countries.

China's policy in this matter is ill advised. She has certainly nothing to gain by turning thriving contented districts into waste land with an impoverished discontented population, nothing to gain from driving foreign shipping from her ports, nor does she appear to have considered that by removing all sources of export income from her people, they can no longer afford to purchase likin and duty paying imports.

The favourable returns of both import and export trade that this year's statistics will show are on the surface only, and a different story will be told when the tea trade of China is finally obliterated by the mistaken policy of those who should have been the first to protect it. I fear the trade in Amoy teas is now beyond redemption. I can only hope that the lesson that will be taught here in the near future may yet be sufficiently taken to heart to be of benefit to the other ports of China.

We may, perhaps, be treated to some jubilation from Foochow and Hankow when it is definitely decided that a tea rolling machine has been allowed to be erected at some inland point without any extraordinary levy of extra duty and squeezes on the part of the Chinese officials; but the opinion of the very highest experts is that all the machinery in the world will not now save the China tea trade, unless a complete amelioration of taxation accompanies its introduction.

AMOY PRODUCTION.

Season.	Quantity. lbs.
1876-77	27,200,000
1896-97	3,600,000

TIENTSIN.

8th May.

We hear that the Railway School is to be removed from Shan-hai-kwan to the new buildings on the adjacent site of the Imperial Tientsin University.

The two training ships *Fu-chi* and *Tung-chi* are at the Bar with a large number of junior officers belonging to the Pei-yang Squadron (past and future). An examination of these officers was held at the Admiralty yesterday in torpedo science by Capt. Dundas, R.N.

Referring to the recent tenders for 11,000 tons of rails and fastenings for the double line between this and Peking, we learn that the contract has been secured by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., on behalf of Messrs. Charles Cammell & Co., Sheffield, for delivery at Tongku during the present season.

His Excellency Wang Wênshao has issued a proclamation which we recommend to the perusal of those of our readers interested in the prosperity of Tientsin. It is a somewhat lengthy document, but there is not one word too much; and it is, we think, a very straightforward answer to the demand for remedies against the periodical silting up of the Peiho. There is entire absence of equivocation: the Viceroy enumerates the various measures of improvement, as laid down in the report to the Chamber of Commerce, in a very business-like manner. He has appointed Wu Tuotai, who was in charge of river works in various parts of this province for many years during the *regime* of Li Hung-chang, to take charge of the Peiho. This official, so rumour has it, enjoys the reputation of being an intelligent and and active gentleman. We hope that in his new position he will act up to his character; he has some experience of rivers and their vagaries which may be useful to him, but which may also be a drawback if he happens to believe that the science of improving the navigation of tidal rivers is no further advanced than in China. He has a unique chance of making a name for himself and of doing good to his country; but we admit that there are difficulties in his way. When China began building railways, the officials frankly admitted they must trust their foreign engineers to do what they thought best; they had never seen a railway and could do nothing else. In the case of improving rivers for navigation they may not deem this necessary, but we would impress upon the authorities that those who have no idea of what has been done in similar cases in foreign countries, and who have not got the necessary scientific knowledge (which alone makes a man competent to judge whether measures which have been successful in one case can be rightly applied under apparently similar circumstances) can know to what extent the various measures should be carried out. To each engineering problem there is a financial side which cannot be neglected, and the final decision must necessarily in many cases depend upon expediency. We hope that no undue prominence will be given to the cutting of bends; such works are familiar enough to the Chinese and have many attractive features to the petty officials, contractors, etc. It is well known that in the early days of the railways in China, earthworks cost less than half of what they do now; we do not want at the present moment to do anything but touch upon this matter, and we only do this because we have heard absurd figures mentioned as to the cost of such works. We feel sure, however, that Wu Tuotai and, if necessary, the higher officials, will see that the works are carried out in the most economical and efficient way; without strict economy and honesty being practised, the undertaking must necessarily end in failure.—*Peking and Tientsin Times.*

REDUCTION OF TELEGRAPH RATES TO JAPAN.

At the International Telegraph Conference held some time ago in Buda-Pesth, the proposal of the representative of Japan, says the *Tokyo Asahi*, to reduce the telegraph rates between Japan and foreign countries was adopted. When the chief of the Shanghai branch office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company visited Japan last month, the Department of Communications conferred with him and contracted to reduce the telegraph rate between Japan and Shanghai (which was formerly 76 *sen* per word) to 22.2 *sen* from July to September and to 24 *sen* after October. As a consequence, the telegraph rate to Hongkong and London through Shanghai is also to be reduced. It seems curious that from October the subscription is increased to 24 *sen* from 22.2 *sen*. The increase is due to the adoption of the gold standard from October, and the consequent change in the value of money. As the rate is thus reduced to about ¼ of the former charge from July next, a considerable increase in telegraph business to and from Japan is expected.—*Rising Sun.*

SOME JAPANESE TOPICS.

Three Japanese topics at the moment are matters of some importance, since two of them necessitate diplomatic action and the third affects Japan's relations with a friendly power. That which we have placed last is by no means the least. We refer to the mission of Prince Arisugawa to England in commemoration of the Queen's so-called Diamond Jubilee. It is but thirty-five years ago, or barely more than the span of a young man's life, since the first Japanese mission visited England. Incredible as it now sounds the earlier mission was despatched to beseech of the English Government the postponement of the opening of Hyogo and Osaka as Treaty Ports. The mission sailed in H.M.S. frigate *Odin*. To-day Prince Arisugawa steps on board a French Mail steamer at Kobe and if he needed a warship Japan could dispatch a vessel that would be capable of destroying a whole fleet of *Odins*. But it is not on the marvellous contrast between the condition of affairs in 1862 and in 1897 that we wish to dwell, however tempting the theme or however ample the material. What is of the greatest significance is that Prince Arisugawa, who is so nearly allied to the throne, and Marquis Ito, one of Japan's greatest statesmen, have been selected to represent Japan. That is a token of Japan's friendliness to England, and of her wish to cement a closer amity. We have no doubt that the polished Prince Arisugawa will meet with the reception befitting his high station, while we may take it for granted that the statesman who conducted Japan through the stormy period of the war with China will be warmly welcomed by men whose experience renders them peculiarly qualified to justly appreciate his qualities.

The other two events to which we have alluded are the dispute with Hawaii and the strange step decided upon by the Korean Cabinet. The Hawaiian Government is evidently bent on pushing matters to a crisis, apparently with the view of inducing the United States Government to make a public declaration of policy. On no other grounds can the arbitrary conduct it is at present indulging in be explained. The United States has sent men-of-war to the islands, while the Japanese have despatched the *Naniwa* and are now about to also send the *Takachiho*. This does not imply that any recourse to force will be used, but the presence of warships will intensify the excitement, and the Japanese on the island may on the slightest provocation be induced to revolt. That is a danger which cannot be lightly regarded. Doubtless if the United States uses pressure Japan will yield, but the United States will not seek to coerce Japan in the matter if Japan can prove herself in the right. At present we have heard only one side of the case, but that is certainly in Japan's favour, and unless there are some very strong arguments forthcoming on the other side Japan has a good claim for compensation.

The decision of the Seoul Cabinet to engage Russian officers for their troops, is only another incident in that silent struggle between Japan and Russia which has been going on for over a century; which was one of the main causes of the war with China and will inevitably in the course of a few years lead to an open conflict for supremacy in the north Pacific. As long ago as 1806 the Russians threatened to ravage the northern ports of Japan. In 1862 Russia acquired Saghalien in exchange for the Kurile Islands, and now she seeks to acquire Korea, which would give her a dominating influence in northern Asia. Japan is not in a position to immediately oppose Russia, but if circumstances occur in Europe to bring about complications with the Powers, Japan will not be slow to seize any opportunity that may accrue to her advantage. And we imagine that Marquis Ito will be entrusted with a mission to which the Diamond Jubilee is but a stalking horse. The territorial aggrandisement of Russia in Korea no more suits England than it does Japan. If the Marquis can come to an understanding with England as to support in certain eventualities, the splendid progress of expansion which Russia during the past four years has effected by bloodless methods, may receive a salutary check. Thus the two events may be linked, and the chain of circumstances may be further connected by Russia having taken advantage of the dispute with Hawaii to play a forcing game in Seoul.—*Japan Gazette.*

RAUB GOLD.

THE MARCH-APRIL CRUSH.—OVER AN OUNCE PER TON.

The Singapore Secretary of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited, has received the following telegram from Raub dated 5th May, 3.20. p.m. (and only received 9th May, 9 a.m.):—

"Crushing finished, 2,420 tons stone realized 2,555 ozs. smelted gold. Prospects good."

The *Free Press* says:—Since the era of big bulk crushings began this is the best "show," for two months' work, that Raub has made. Of course in the earlier days of Raub Hole leader crushing stuff better value was shown but nothing at all approaching the above bulk. This shows how substantial a source of revenue the big Bukit Koman reef is now proving. The return for March and April is, roundly, worth close on £10,000 sterling, or, say at a two-shilling dollar, $100,000. The current expenditure on Raub, including salaries and wages, fuel, and general maintenance (excepting new machinery), as well as the *entire* cost of new development work, shaft sinking, and opening out fresh ground, is roundly, £2,500 for the two months covered by a crushing period. The position of Raub can therefore be appreciated generally by noting the fact that the gold winnings for that two months' period has been £10,000. The net profit is thus £7,500, that is to say three times the expenditure for the past two months. When the time comes for the 40 additional heads of stamps to be put up and running, (there are now 20) it will be possible to treble the bulk of stone crushed, with but a trifling increase in expenditure. This, even if the stone were to average only half-ounce stuff, would give a return of nearly £14,000 per two months, or, an ounce value per ton, over £28,000.

The *Straits Times* moralises as follows:—

The local news of the day is the result of the last crushing at Raub. It had been most anxiously awaited by many; and, therefore, the telegraphic system of the Federated Malay States broke down, as it frequently does on occasions of interest. The news that has at last come—the news of over an ounce to the ton—may, possibly, send the shares "booming," on the lines that we note in an explanatory article attached to the telegram. Our present purpose, therefore, is to deprecate undue speculation. We say undue speculation. If a man have a few hundred dollars that he can comfortably risk, if the loss of it will cause him no pain or any material inconvenience, then let him risk it in mining if he please. No one can say a word against that. But, if he be running on a narrow margin of income, or if, with small savings, he have responsibilities to other than himself, then let him leave mining shares alone. The latter doctrine, of course, does not apply to the man with no family obligations, who may, if he choose, pawn his shirt for a gamble—provided that, if he lose, he will consent to wear a buttoned-up jacket without murmuring at the lack of linen that renders such a course necessary. But, above all, let every man remember that the miner can see no further than the end of his pick. He can surmise. He can estimate. But he cannot see. Wherefore, let us avoid, if it be possible, the immoral gambling spirit that prevailed at the last mining boom. For that good end, we appeal first of all to the Exchange Banks. They should refuse to lend money on the security of mining shares. They should jealously hesitate to lend on personal credit if there be reason to believe that the loan is to be used for the purchase of mining scrip. There is no harm—there may be much profit—in a gold-mining boom; but let it be a boom based on cash dealings. The latter phrase would of course, permit loans obtained by pledging any realisable securities, shirts included. But it would not permit loans based on personal security, for that, too often, means a mortgage on the industry of the future.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 17th April.

The federated Powers are viewed as waiting for something to turn up; in other words they are regarded as paralysed. They do nothing, because their ultimate action is not nor cannot be either definite or unanimous. *Conclusion* natural. Europe is backing into war, and united diplomacy after being accorded unlimited confidence by public opinion is now proving unequal to its task. Both constituents and representatives are fatigued and wearied by the situation. Greece will not recede; she has staked all on the hazard of the die and will abide by the throw. But opinion is in a reflective, not an angry or a timid mood; the second is useless, the third of no importance since the pictures of a Continental war have ceased to frighten.

What grips attention is the persistency of Greece to brave all the odds; she is evidently being supported in her political hinterland by a Power on whom she can at her hour of supreme danger rely; that power is not the scapegoat Ethnike Hetairia, but Russia, whose history attests she could well hammer the Greeks and cajole the Sultan simultaneously, to render her march easier, and more coloured with the air of justification, to occupy Constantinople, or its *vis-a-vis* province—contingents that England and France could not sanction nor yet oppose, only they would seize counterbalancing positions and hold them, in the Dardanelles and the Black and Marmora Seas. Germany does not conceal her support for the Red Sultan; beyond securing employment for her retired officers to organise the Turkish forces and a few big orders for war material against cash down on the nail, it is not clear what advantages she covets in her mind's eye. These could only bring her into antagonism either with Russia, or France and England united.

The most powerful man in Crete is Colonel Vassos. He pursues a clear aim, and so far apparently has succeeded. He asserts Crete has already disposed of herself, by a kind of runaway match with King George that will in time be pardoned by the political Mrs. Grundys and that she will ultimately receive the benedictions of the Kaiser and the Czar, for enmity is not eternal. The Colonel has plenty of food supplies, not the choicest of course, but adequate for the loyal inhabitants, as the latter are no longer to be nicknamed insurgents; he has reconstituted the civil administration of the country, where in neither the bombarding admirals nor the barbarous Sultan their "favourite" will be permitted to interfere; the admirals can occupy the coast towns and keep their hands in by an occasional bombarding of the Christians. They will soon tire of that useless and costly work already France complains of the drain on her budget and her resources. America will not recognise the blockade, which besides does not do much harm; the coast line is too vast to be effectively closed. Vassos admits that at least 50,000 troops would be necessary to establish Warsaw order in the interior of the isle. Germany will contribute none; on the contrary she is sick of the entire hypocrisy, and the remaining united Powers will never send 10,000 troops each to execute butchery work.

It is admitted that the only power really prepared for the formal smashing in the East is England. Her visible forces are formidable, but her latent preparations are much more so, and hence Lord Salisbury may truly enjoy his well-earned repose at Beaulieu, and his colleagues indulge in an Easter holiday scamper. The French lament that during all this comedy between Turkey and Greece the British are making themselves more and more at home in Egypt; that is an excellent way to secure the betterment of the country and its people. It appears the French officials, broken-hearted at the faint prospect of England evacuating the Nile Valley in their favour, are resigning in disgust, when their places are immediately filled up by Englishmen. That, too, is another advance for the well-being of the Protectorate. Neither in Madagascar, Tunisia, nor elsewhere does France employ outsiders or adversaries. When the *agonie* of Turkey sets in, be assured the first act of England will be to declare the Khedive independent of the Porte; that will be one difficulty less in the Eastern imbroglio.

The decision of M. Krupp to construct warships and keep them in stock like his cannon and smaller pacemakers is a matter France could not remain indifferent to. Krupp will be prepared henceforth to execute an order to build and arm a squadron of ironclads and cruisers, &c., as readily as to supply a battery of artillery; he owns the great shipbuilding yard of Germania now. The matter does not affect England, as she has several "Germanias," and can turn out ironclads in less than half the time required by other nations to construct ships. Not so France; her best naval authorities declare millions upon millions of francs will be necessary to bring the naval strength of French up to her necessities, and to date. The country could not meet that strain, so governments will be spared the trouble of demanding the amount.

Deputy Pelletan, who has made the naval estimates and the organization of the Ministry of Marine a speciality, declares that the cause of all the sea power evil of France is due to what he calls "Admiralocracy." To that influence are due the several vices of the ships in commission, whose boilers are in a chronic state of explosiveness, and the vessels so dance on the waves that the aiming of the guns is paralysed. This explains, says M. Pelletan, why ships whose guns are guaranteed to fire ten rounds a minute cannot fire a shot only every ten minutes. Instead of building ships to be laid down and then forgotten, it would be more practical to ameliorate those afloat. The admiralocracy has constructed the navy for a time of peace; when an ironclad has exhausted its supplies of coal and provisions, it returns to Toulon, where the recoaling, &c., is executed by the slow and cumbrous processes of lighters and barges. The non-military seaports are unprotected, and afford no shelter in which a fleet could refit or re-victual. The French apply the sobriquet "mastodontes" to their immense ironclads. Perhaps this is owing to their being ranked as "fossils" in point of design and of meeting new requirements, and to the number of years—seven at least—required to complete them, while Britain, as the deputy recognizes, can execute the same sum of work in two years.

People are glad at the arrival of those welcome spring visitors, the swallows, nightingales, and cuckoos. Soon we may expect the announcement of the big gooseberry. Of course in the way of fruit delicacies, everything out of season is in season. Nor are the prices for these *primeurs* dear. Thanks to the Parcels Post, any person can command from the grower produce to the weight of 22 lbs. which will be dispatched and delivered at his residence for a trifling sum, all in good condition. An economy of 25 to 30 per cent. will thus be secured as compared with the prices of city retailers. Poultry, butter, eggs, &c., can be similarly ordered. The peasant farmers now send out circulars to citizens, with tariff, of what they can supply. They give as local references their mayor, the curé, the doctor, or a bank, or all four; sometimes they add the names of some clients in Paris. The price includes all charges; you send a postal order, which costs one sou per every 10 fr. of purchases; enclose it with letter for three sous, the postage, and by return you receive your box of genuine goods. The milk difficulty has yet to be solved; the united dairies buy within 40 miles round the city the milk from farmers at the contract price of nearly 6 sous per quart. The consumer to get the pure article has to pay 12 sous. Into whose pocket goes the difference of 100 per cent? Bring the dairy farmer at once into direct relations with the nursery.

The Panama scandal re-investigation commences to be amusing. The public enjoys the Magistrate's "bobbing" for corrupt legislators. When sufficient evidence is secured he invites the suspected to "walk into his parlour;" if the replies be unsatisfactory, the *invité* is requested to occupy a cell till further notice. If the suspected declines the invitation of the Magistrate, a warrant is issued for his arrest; such is the case of Deputy Naquet. The police ought not to long "want" him; he is a hunchback and so publishes his own live and cry.

Prefect of Police Lepine has explained to the Municipal Council why the capital is no longer disturbed by revolutionists, &c. Whenever he is aware of their holding a meeting, he orders to the spot a body of police and accompanies them. He tells the leaders they are at liberty to act as they may desire, save that they must not create any disorder; if so, they will be dispersed, and those arrested will have to pay for the music. That douche never fails to succeed. M. Lepine has another feather in his cap. The Folies-Bergère Music Hall had engaged the ex-princess Chimay, *née* Mary Lloyd, an American heiress who eloped with the gipsy fiddler Rigo, to give a series of tableaux vivants. The *jeunesse dorée* of Brussels and Paris—Prince Chimay is a Belgian—had taken nearly all the seats, and laid in a supply of whistles, cat-calls, screamers, boiled potatoes, and rotten eggs; 50 fr. were offered for standing room to see the show. The Prefect sent for the manager; told him he was fully aware of the organised storm, due to the social downfall, &c., of the ex-princess. "I cannot prevent your commencing the representation, but on the first signs of disorder I shall clear the house and cancel your licence." Madame Lloyd called on him; he suggested to her not to appear "as if a riot ensues you will be instantly conducted to the frontier and never allowed to re-enter France." Hence, the medical certificate published of madame's sudden illness, along with a copy of the doctors' prescriptions, that the performance was postponed for the present, and that all money would be returned. Only those who paid premiums beyond the ordinary tariff have been victimized. But a very great scandal has been averted. The gipsy fiddler has received a "straight tip" that he ought to return to his native Prague as soon as possible. He intended opening a dancing academy; the first Tzigane jig will be to depart.

A Dominican monk since the opening of Lent has been captivating the city of Havre, by his pulpit eloquence. An auditor has exposed the *ruse*: the sermons were those of Protestant Minister Decoppet, preached in 1875. What heresy!

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Bacteria, as one might infer from their simple structure, seem to have appeared with the first life on earth. In a study of the early rocks, M. B. Renault has found indications of the presence of microbes in bones, teeth, scales, and coprolites, as well as abundantly in vegetable tissues, especially the spores and sporanges of ferns. The coccoid or globular form appears to have been earlier than the bacillar or rod-shaped, the species, as a rule, having been different from those now living.

The tuning fork, struck and applied to the crown of the head, has been found by Dr. E. N. Malioutine of Moscow to transmit its vibrations to the vocal chords, causing them to vibrate in unison. In this way he has cured, with vocal exercises, a case of hysterical loss of voice that had resisted all other treatment, including suggestion. He believes that the process would aid in training and improving the voices of singers.

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The assimilation of carbonic acid and the formation of starch in leaves take place only in the light and in the green parts, while the dissolution of this starch and its migration to the stem keep on day and night. This makes it possible to use the living leaf as a photographic plate. In a late lecture to the Belgian Microscopical Society, M. Errara mentioned an experiment with a bean leaf, which was deprived of its starch by leaving the plant several days in darkness, next covered with tin foil from which the French word "iode" (iodine) had been cut, the whole being then removed to the sunlight for two days, and finally—having no unusual appearance—was boiled in water and alcohol until colourless, and plunged into a solution of iodine. The last treatment developed the word "iode," which, after drying, would be preserved for years. Gardiner has gone much further than this, having used a photographic negative in place of the cut tinfoil, and made the developed image more durable by treating it with some soluble salt of silver, thus producing iodide of silver wherever iodide of starch had formed. In a more elaborate experiment some years ago Timiriazeff projected the solar spectrum upon a starch-freed leaf, when bands corresponding to the absorption bands of chlorphyl, or the green colouring matter, were reproduced, proving that the rays absorbed by the chlorophyl are the same that produce the decomposition of the carbonic acid.

The popular idea that horse-chestnuts are unfit to feed to stock on account of poisonous qualities appears to lack foundation. A French author, M. Paul Gay, shows that their nutritive value is three times that of the richest forage beet-root, and that they are eaten by cattle without injury to milk or calves, although pigs show a dislike for them.

Volcanoes are very superficial pricks in the earth's crust, according to Mr. J. Logan Lobley. In a paper to the London Geological Society he has sought to prove that lava cannot have been forced to the surface from a depth as great as 30 miles, as fissures to serve as conduits could not exist at that depth, while the lava would be consolidated before passing through so much cool rock. The overlying weight would cause the rocks even at a depth of ten miles to be practically plastic, making continuous fissures impossible.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Esmeralda*, from Manila 15th May, had fine pleasant weather and smooth sea.

The Japanese steamer *Omi Maru*, from Japan 14th May, had fine weather throughout the voyage.

The German steamer *Loongmoon*, from Shanghai 14th May, had foggy rainy weather and fresh N.E. wind.

The British steamer *Benvoirlich*, from London and Singapore 12th May, had light variable winds with fine clear weather all the passage.

The British steamer *Gaelic*, from San Francisco 21st April, and Shanghai 15th May, had light winds, N.E. monsoon, misty and cloudy overcast from Lammocks.

The British steamer *Haitoong*, from Tamsui 15th May, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, had thick fog across Formosa Strait with light variable winds. From Amoy to port light S.W. winds with fine clear weather.

The British steamer *Tacoma*, from Tacoma 16th April, Yokoha 7th May, Kobe 10th, and Moji 12th, experienced a succession of very strong westerly winds to Yokohama; thence on coast had light winds, overcast and foggy weather.

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Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot, and Dampness.
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SCHEELE & CO
Hongkong, 25th January, 1892. [269

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SURGEON DENTIST,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.
TERMS VERY MODERATE,
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 2[illegible] September, 1891. [746

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY
AT
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Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [677

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Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1895. [1178

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$35.....per case of 2 dozen pints.
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BORDEAUX WINES.
C. G. HILBERT & CO.'S
BOTTLED ALE & STOUT
SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1897. [36

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND	$ 6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS	$10,000,000

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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1897. [12

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED	£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Interest for 12 Months Fixed .....5 %
Hongkong, 17th November, 1896 [14

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED	£1,125,000
PAID UP	£ 562,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months .....4 %
" 6 " 3½%
" 3 " 2½%
J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [15

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [13

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£350,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " 3½ "
" " " 3 " 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [16

SIAM TEAK TIMBER.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED BANGKOK.

ORDERS can be Booked and Rates Supplied on Application to the Undersigned for:—
TEAK SQUARES, PLANKS, SCANTLINGS, AND BOARDS.
PLANED, TONGUED, AND GROOVED TEAK BOARDS.
TEAK SHINGLES.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1895. [24

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received Instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
THURSDAY, the 20th May, 1897,
AT 2.30 P.M.,
at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,
An INVOICE of JAPANESE GOODS, &c.,
Comprising:—
SILK and GOLD EMBROIDERED BEDSPREADS, TABLE COVERS, TEA CLOTHS, WINDOW CURTAINS, CUSHIONS and ANTEMACASSERS.
COTTON FIGURED WINDOW CURTAINS.
COTTON CRAPE MATERIALS.
RUGS, SILK-PAINTED FANS.
KAKIMONAS.
GIFU FANCY PAPER LANTERNS and LAMP SHADES.
WOOD CARVINGS, ENAMELLED WARE, VASES and ORNAMENTS, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1156

PUBLIC AUCTION.
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BICYCLES, SPORTING GUNS, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION.
ON
SATURDAY, the 22nd May, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
for Sundry Accounts.
A QUANTITY of FURNITURE
Comprising:—
DRAWING ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH (nearly new). OVERMANTELS, BOOKCASES, WRITING TABLES, CANTON BLACKWOOD TABLES and STANDS, ORNAMENTS, PICTURES, &c.
ONE COTTAGE PIANO by LUNAN.
SEVERAL FIRST CLASS DOUBLE BARRELLED CENTRAL FIRE GUNS, &c.
SEVERAL BICYCLES, including some SUPERIOR MADE ENGLISH and AMERICAN MACHINES.
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SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS and FIXINGS, WARDROBES, WASHSTAND, DRESSING TABLES, SUNDRY BEDROOM REQUISITES, ONE MARBLETOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS and CONVERTIBLE BEDSTEAD.
LADIES' CARRYING CHAIRS, COOKING STOVES,
&c., &c., &c.
Catalogues issued prior to Sale.
On View from FRIDAY, the 21st May, 1897.
TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.
GEO. P. LAMMERT.
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1171

INSURANCES.

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phœnix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [20

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A yearly premium of £23 12s. (age 30) secures the following:—
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£1,000 in case of permanent total disablement by accident.
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Accidents insured against for £4 and £2 per annum (£1,000 in case of death and weekly payments in case of injury.)
For further Particulars, apply to
J. Y. V. VERNON,
Agent.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1896. [1432

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131 0s. 0d.

I.—AUTHORISED CAPITAL £3,000,000	£ s. d.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	687,500 0 0
II—FIRE FUNDS	2,601,016 2 9

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [1526

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL	£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY	£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA	£ 757,478

Having been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong 9th January, 1896. [2727

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON

FOUNDED 1710.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents
Hongkong, 16th May, 1892 [18

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [969

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are PREPARED TO ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.
SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [19

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872 [17

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A NEW STEAM-LAUNCH, 45 ft. Long, 9 ft. Beam, 5 ft. Depth, built of TEAK WOOD and COPPER FASTENINGS; STEEL BOILER, 4 ft. 6 in. long by 3 ft. 10 in. diameter, Tested to 200 lbs., Working Pressure 100 lbs. It has a New DONKEY PUMP for Feeding Boiler. COMPOUND NON-CONDENSING ENGINE, CYLINDERS 6 in. and 10 in., Diameter, 8 in. Stroke, with Water-Heater; SPEED about 9 miles per hour.
This is a handsome well-finished Launch, suitable for a house-boat or a pleasure-boat.
Price and Further Particulars on application.
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139, Wanchai Road.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [2889

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BANGKOK AND RANGOON.

TEAK SQUARES, PLANKS, BOARDS and SCANTLINGS, PLANED, TONGUED, and GROOVED BOARDS, FOR FLOORING, CEILING, WALLING, &c. TEAK SHINGLES FOR ROOFING.
PINKADOE RAILWAY SLEEPERS for all GAUGES.
Rates Supplied and Orders Booked by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [1052

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DRAPER, MILLINER, DRESS AND MANTLE MAKER,
23, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
LATEST NOVELTIES
FROM
LONDON and PARIS.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [845

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"SPECIAL BLEND" WHISKY.
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Cotton Cleaning and Working Co., Shanghai.
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Hayashi Clock Factory.
Hongkong 12th December, 1896. [2485

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From HONGKONG to WUCHOWFU,
Showing the Ports and Calling Places Opened to Foreign Trade, 1897.
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Canton, 12th May, 1897. [1140

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TUESDAY, 18th May.

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ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11⅞
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 13/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/0
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0¼
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0¼
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/0¼
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.50
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.54
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	2.03
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	48¾
Credits, 60 days' sight	49¼
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	164
Bank, on demand	164½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	164
Bank, on demand	164½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	72⅞
Private, 30 days' sight	73¼
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	½ % pm.
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	6% pm.
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	½ % pm.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	9.89
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	50.50

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Banks—		[$365.25, sales
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	185 %, prem. =
China & Japan, prf.	£5	nominal
Do. ordinary	£2	nominal
Do. deferred	£1	£5, buyers
Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares	£8	$21½, sellers
Fonn. Shares	£1	£20
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	£1	$9, sellers
Brown & Co., H. G.	$50	(in liquidation).
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$8½
Carmichael & Co.	$20	$8½
China Sugar	$100	$142
Dakin, Cruicks'k & Co.	$5	(in liquidation).
Dairy Farm Co.	$5	$5, nominal
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$29½, sellers
Green Island Cement	$10	$37½, buyers
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$31, sales & buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric	$8	$8.10, sales
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$97½, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$41, sales
Hongkong Ice	$25	$110
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$64½, sellers
Hongkong Rope	$50	$165
H. & W. Dock	$125	244 p. ct. prem. =
Insurances—		[$430
Canton	$50	$185
China Fire	$20	$101, sellers
China Traders'	$25	$77½, sellers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$352½
North-China	£25	Tls. 174, buyers
Straits	$20	$19½, sellers
Union	$50	$230, sellers
Yangtsze	$60	$155
Land and Building—		
H. Land Investment	$50	$79, sales
Humphreys Estate	$10	$8¾, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$16
West Point Building	$40	$19.75, sellers
Luzon Sugar	$100	$47½, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 500	$90, buyers
Jelebu	$5	$2.15, sales
New Balmoral	$1	$1.90, buyers
Do. Preference	$1	$2.10, buyers
Oliver's Mines, A.	$5	$20
Do. B.	$2½	$8.75, sal. & buyers
Punjom	$4	$7½
Do. (Preference).	$1	$1.85, sales
Raubs	12s. 10d.	$22½, buyers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$71, buyers
China Mutual Ord	£5	£2 10s.
Do Pref.	£10	£7, buyers
Douglas S. S. Co.	$50	$60½, sellers
H., Canton and M.	$15	$35, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$5½, sellers
Wanchai Warehse Co.	$37½	$43½, buyers
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$13, buyers

J. Y. V. VERNON, Broker.

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New Malwa (this year's) $760 with all'ance of 5 ctl's.
New Malwa (last year's) $780 0 to 2½ "
Old Malwa (2/4 years) ...$800 0 to 1½ "
Old Malwa (5/7 years) ...$820 0 to 2½ "
New Patna .....$657½; Old Patna $722½
New Benares.....$667½; Old Benares.....$ —
Persian, Oily .....$500 to $620
Persian, Paper-wrapped .....$500 to $610

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 17th MAY, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours
Wladivostock	29.74	63	—	SW	3	b	—
Tokyo	29.82	—	—	S	5	—	...
Kochi	29.95	—	—	—	0	—	...
Nagasaki	29.87	—	—	W	4	—	...
Kagoshima	29.91	—	—	E	2	—	...
Gutzlaff	29.70	58	94	SE	4	omr	...
Sharp Peak	29.80	72	81	E	3	b	...
Amoy	29.86	75	77	SE	3	b	...
Swatow	29.82	80	—	E	2	b	...
Canton	29.76	98	61	S	2	d	...
Hongkong	29.79	80	88	E	3	c	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	SSE	3	—	...
Gap Rock	29.77	—	—	S	3	—	...
Macao	29.78	80	—	S	1	c	...
Haiphong	29.71	88	70	SE	4	c	...
Bolinao	29.84	89	66	NW	2	b	...
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	E	3	b	...
18th MAY, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostock	29.66	52	77	SE	3	o	...
Tokyo	29.94	—	—	—	0	—	...
Kochi	29.87	—	—	—	0	—	...
Nagasaki	29.79	—	—	E	2	—	...
Kagoshima	29.79	—	—	NE	2	—	...
Gutzlaff	29.87	68	94	NE	3	ov	...
Sharp Peak	29.77	74	88	SE	1	f	...
Amoy	29.79	77	91	SE	1	c	...
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Canton	29.82	86	84	SE	1	d	...
Hongkong	29.85	85	74	SSW	2	c	...
Victoria

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BORNEO,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Italy, ex s.s. *Sutlej*.
From Madras, ex s.s. *Secundra*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1897. [1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KAISER-I-HIND,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. *Victoria*
From Australia, &c., ex s.s. *Parramatta*
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *Kilwa, Pemba*, and *Mobile*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. to-day.

Goods not cleared by the 21st inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1897. [1

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [9

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOMBAY,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG 1897.
(Subject to Alteration.)

FAUSANG	Wednesday ...	19th May.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"FAUSANG"

will be despatched hence for PORTLAND, OREGON, and VICTORIA, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1170

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on TO-MORROW, the 20th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1118

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"AFRIDI,"

Captain Golding, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1142

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT).

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"OMI MARU,"

Captain C. Young, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout.

A duly qualified Doctor and a European Stewardess are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1088

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Amoy, S'hai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, May 20, 1897, at DAYLIGHT.
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, June 8, 1897, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, June 26 1897, at NOON.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 20th May, 1897, at DAYLIGHT, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of $4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [3

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"

Captain F. H. Seymour, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON (via BOMBAY), on THURSDAY, the 20th MAY, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [1

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Company's Chartered Steamer

"CLUDEN"

will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [1166

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE, AND LONDON.
(Without Transhipment.)
Calling at SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORDOGNE,"

Captain A. Blanc, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at NOON.

For Freight, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1897. [2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONIEN"

Captain L. Blanc, will be dispatched for the above Ports, on or about SATURDAY, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong 17th May, 1897. [2

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [987

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON	Socotra	Brit. str.	Paine, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 27th inst.
LONDON, &c.	Coromandel	Brit. str.	Seymour	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon
LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG	Aden	Brit. str.	Hill, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Kintuck	Brit. str.	Perrolle	Holliday, Wise & Co.	On 25th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	Kumagawa Maru	Jap. str.	J. Mackenzie	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 9th June, at 4 P.M.
BREMEN & HAMBURG	Elisabeth Rickmers	Ger. str.	Rebbelmund	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On 28th inst.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cuppers	Melchers & Co.	On 25th inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & LONDON	Dordogne	Fren. str.	Blanc	Messageries Maritimes	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, ETC.	Sydney	Fren. str.	Aubert	Messageries Maritimes	On 26th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, HAMBURG & LONDON	Antenor	Brit. str.	Jackson	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 27th inst.
VANCOUVER, V. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of Japan	Brit. str.	Pybus, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	To-day.
VICTORIA, B.C., &c., V. Y'HAMA	Tacoma	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, Or., &c., V. Y'HAMA	Tausang	Brit. str.		Shewan, Tomes & Co.	To-day.
SAN FRANCISCO	Chulan	Brit. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 21st inst., Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 29th inst., Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO V. AMOY, S'HAI, &c.	City of Rio de Janeiro	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO	Falls of Dee	Brit. sh.	Lock	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Sikh	Brit. str.	Rowley	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Aladdin	Norw. str.	Schjøtt	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 22nd inst.
NEW YORK	Clan Mackenzie	Brit. ship	Iddes	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Chingtu	Brit. str.	Innes	Butterfield & Swire	On 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Omi Maru	Jap. str.	Young	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
VLADIVOSTOCK VIA S'HAI, &c.	Nagato Maru	Jap. str.	Nishimura	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 4th June, at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	Tokio Maru	Jap. str.	Barstow	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
Y'HAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	Verona	Brit. str.	Tocque, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Taiyuan	Brit. str.	Moore	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Thekla	Ger. str.	Stohr	Siemssen & Co.	On 21st inst., Daylight
YOKOHAMA DIRECT	Sakura Maru	Jap. str.	Brady	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Afridi	Brit. str.	Golding	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 20th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Caledonien	Fren. str.	Blanc	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 22nd inst.
FOOCHOW	Kansu	Brit. str.	Sommerville	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	Hailoong	Brit. str.	Hodgius	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.

C. P. R. SUMMER TRIPS.

SPECIAL ROUND TRIP RATES TO JAPAN, VANCOUVER, AND BANFF.

Commencing 1st May, and continuing through the Summer, Return Tickets can be purchased to Banff, including Berth in Sleeping Car, and Meals on the Railway journey from Vancouver, at the equivalent of $80. The Ports of Call are SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C., and VANCOUVER, and permission is granted to STOP-OVER at any Port and continue by a subsequent Steamer. Every facility is offered for breaking the journey at any intermediate places in British Columbia to make excursions into the Rocky Mountains.

BANFF.—This popular resort, charmingly situated amongst the Peak and Glaciers of the Rocky Mountains, in the Canadian National Park, is justly celebrated for its natural Hot Sulphur and Mineral Springs, magnificent scenery, and clear, invigorating air. The large and well-appointed Hotel stands 4,500 feet above sea level, providing its guests with all modern comforts and luxuries, also a steam-launch, rowing boats and canoes for making excursions on the river and numerous lakes in the vicinity, where excellent fishing and shooting is obtainable. [747

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 19th May, 1897
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 9th June, 1897
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 30th June, 1897

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey (avoiding the rough passages generally experienced in the latitudes further South) and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1897. [8

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG	ADEN ..... R. E. L. Hill, R.N.R.	About 16th May	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	CORONANDEL ..... F. H. Seymour	Noon, 20th May	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	VERONA ..... C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 21st May	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
LONDON	SOCOTRA ..... J. Paine, R.N.R.	About 27th May	For Freight.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT.)

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU,"

Captain E. S. Barstow, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 24th inst., at 4 P.M.

This steamer is fitted with Superior accommodation for First Class and Second Class passengers.

A duly qualified Doctor and a European Stewardess are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1163

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 26th May, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SYDNEY," Captain Aubert, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "POLYNESIEN," which vessel takes on her passengers and mails, leaving that port on the 6th June, direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 25th May. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1897. [2

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ALADDIN,"

Captain Schjøtt, will be despatched for the above port on or about the 22nd inst.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1897. [1100

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for Glasgow, Liverpool, Continental Ports, River Plate, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"

C. de La Perrelle, Commander, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1139

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(Subject to Alteration)

TACOMA	2,549	Tuesday ...	May 25
VICTORIA	3,167	Tuesday ...	June 15
OLYMPIA	2,308	Tuesday ...	July 6
PATHAN	2,700	Tuesday ...	July 27

THE Steamship

"TACOMA"

sailing at NOON on TUESDAY, the 25th May, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1897. [9

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

PRINZ HEINRICH...	Tuesday ...	25th May.
PREUSSEN	Tuesday ...	22nd June.
SACHSEN	Tuesday ...	20th July.
BAYERN	Tuesday ...	17th Aug.
PRINZ HEINRICH ...	Tuesday ...	14th Sep.
PREUSSEN	Tuesday ...	12th Oct.
SACHSEN	Tuesday ...	9th Nov.
BAYERN	Tuesday ...	7th Dec.
PRINZ HEINRICH ...	Tuesday ...	4th Jan.

ON TUESDAY, the 25th day of May, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cuppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above.

CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 22nd May. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 24th May, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on MONDAY, the 24th May. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [7

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, May 29, 1897, at DAYLIGHT.
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, June 17, 1897, at NOON.
BELGIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, July 6, 1897, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be dispatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 29th MAY, 1897, at DAYLIGHT.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN Agent.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1897. [4

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.1. British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"

Lock, Master, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [363

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A.1. British Ship

"CLAN MACKENZIE,"

Captain Iddes, shortly expected from Shanghai, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1093

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG, AND LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANTENOR,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 27th inst.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [938

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"ELISABETH RICKMERS,"

Captain Rebbelmund, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 28th inst.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May 1897. [1147

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "MOGUL" is withdrawn and her place taken by the S.S. "SIKH,"

Captain Rowley, to be despatched for the above port on or about the 30th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1141

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-VLADIVOSTOCK LINE.

(MONTHLY SERVICE.)

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK,
VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN, AND GENSAN.
RETURNING
VIA GENSAN, FUSAN, KOBE, SHIMONOSEKI, NAGASAKI, KEELUNG, FOOCHOW, AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAGATO MARU,"

Captain M. Nishimura, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 4th June, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer is specially fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation, ensuring every comfort to Passengers, and a good opportunity is therefore offered to persons desirous of enjoying a Summer trip to the North.

Passengers are allowed to Break their journey at any Point *en route*, and connections may be made at Korean or Japan Ports with other Lines of the Company. Return Tickets issued.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [1143

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP,
VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, AND MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANAGAWA MARU,"

Captain J. Mackenzie, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 9th June, at 4 P.M.

This steamer is fitted with superior accommodation for First-class and Second-class Passengers and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly qualified Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [1164

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

During the TEA SEASON the following DIRECT STEAMERS will load, commencing at FOOCHOW, viz:

PONGOLA, 15th June and 1st Oct.
CONGELLA, 25th July and 5th Dec.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [321

SHIPPING IN PORT.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Aden, British steamer, 2,517, Hill, May 16, P. & O. S. N. Co
Airlie, British steamer, 2,433, Ellis, May 3, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Benvorlich, British str., 2,064, Clark, May 18, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Chingping, Chinese str., 1,050, Blake, May 17, C. E. & M. Co
City of Rio de Janeiro, Amr. str., 3,159, Ward, May 10, P. M. S. S. Co
Clulen, British str., 2,035, Sanderson, May 4, Naval Yard
Coromandel, British str., 4,651, Seymour, May 18, P. & O. S. N. Co
Dante, German steamer, 1,302, Repke, May 5, Chinese
Empress of Japan, British str., 5,904, Pybus, May 11, C. P. R. Co
Esmeralda, British str., 966, Tayler, May 18, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Fulshan, British str., 1,425, R. L. Blight, H. C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Fausang, British str., 1,410, Moncur, May 13, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Gaelic, British steamer, 2,690, Finch, May 17, O. & O. S. S. Co
Glenfalloch, British str., 1,434, Peters, May 18, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Hailoong, British str., 783, Hodgins, May 18, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Hankow, British str., 2,265, Dick, Butterfield & Swire, for Canton
Heungshan, British str., 1,054, W. E. Clarke, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Macao
Honam, British str., 1,344, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Kwongsang, British str., 989, Stalker, May 18, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Lightning, British str., 2124, Spence, May 18, D. Sassoon, Sons & Co
Loongmoon, Ger. str., 1,245, Schulz, May 18, Siemssen & Co
Meefoo, Chinese str., 1,339, Frigaut, May 18, C. M. S. N. Co
Omi Maru, Jap. str., 1,533, Young, May 18, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Oscarshal, Norw. str., 845, Reichborn, May 16, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Rio, German str., 1,109, Christensen, May 13, Jebsen & Co
Sakura Maru, Jap. str., 1,331, Brady, May 14, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Siam, British steamer, 992, Messor, May 15, Bradley & Co
Sungk